

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Arthur, Walker, and U.S. Application 2002/0015066 to Siwinski et al. ("Siwinski")

Claims 18, 19, 27, and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arthur in view of Walker, and further in view of Siwinski. Since claims 18, 19, 27, and 28 depend upon claim 11 or 20, and since Siwinski does not cure the deficient teachings of Arthur and Walker with respect to claims 11 and 20, Applicant submits that claims 18, 19, 27, and 28 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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